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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Director of the United States Patent  
and Trademark Office  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 4, 2006,  
Applicants submit the following. A declaration accompanies this  
response.

**Amendment to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendment to the claims** begin on page 3.

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